

environmental legacies for future generations.

Carbon dioxide sequestration as a carbonate mineral (CO<sub>2</sub> mineral sequestration) is an attractive candidate technology, as it can provide permanent, environmentally benign CO<sub>2</sub> disposal. The carbonates produced (e.g., MgCO<sub>3</sub> and CaCO<sub>3</sub>) already exist in vast quantities in nature and have proven stable over geological time. The major challenge is economically viable process development. Novel methods that address the cost concerns of CO<sub>2</sub> mineral sequestration need to be studied.

Grant applications are sought to investigate key aspects of CO<sub>2</sub> mineral sequestration process development. Methods that have the potential to substantially reduce worldwide CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are of particular interest. Considerations of interest to reduce overall process cost include, but are not limited to, (i) improving process efficiency, e.g., reaction rates and conditions, (ii) use of inexpensive feedstock materials, and (iii) the generation of marketable process products. Emphasis should be placed on approaches that are technically, economically, and environmentally feasible.

#### UCR Innovative Concepts Phase-II Program

The Innovative Concepts Phase-II Program is the principal R&D effort under the IC Program. DOE has budgeted \$600,000 to fund three, three-year \$200,000 projects. The goal of the IC Phase-II Program is to solicit additional research in areas previously included in the Phase-I Program. Phase-II awards are expected to be made during fiscal year 2001 to institutions with approaches that offer sufficient promising from Phase-I efforts. Consequently, only winners of a one-year Phase I grant awarded in FY99 will be considered eligible for a phase II grant. It is anticipated that at least 2–3 institutions submitting an application with approaches that appear sufficiently promising from the Phase-I efforts could receive a Phase-II award in 2001. Similar to the Core Program, student participation is required throughout the duration of the grant.

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**Randolph L. Kesling,**

*Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Energy Technology Laboratory

#### Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL).

**ACTION:** Notice Inviting Financial Assistance Applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy announces that it intends to conduct a competitive Program Solicitation, DE-PS26–01NT41092, and award financial assistance (Cooperative Agreements) for the program entitled “Energy Efficient Building Equipment and Envelope Technologies, Round III.” Through this solicitation, the DOE/NETL seeks applications on behalf of the Office of Building Technology, State and Community Programs in DOE’s Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) for innovative technologies that have the potential for significant energy savings in residential and commercial buildings. DOE is seeking to support projects that are advancing energy efficient equipment, envelope and whole building technologies. Specifically, the objective of the solicitation is to accelerate high-payoff technologies that, because of their risk, are unlikely to be developed in a timely manner without a partnership between industry and the Federal government.

**DATES:** The Program Solicitation will be available on the NETL Web site on or about December 15, 2000. Prospective offerors who would like to be notified as soon as the solicitation is available should register at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business/index.html>. Provide your e-mail address and click on the heading “Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.” Once you subscribe, you will receive an announcement by e-mail that the solicitation has been released to the public.

**ADDRESSES:** The Program Solicitation, along with all amendments, will be available on the DOE/NETL’s Internet address at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business/solicit>. Applicants are therefore encouraged to periodically check this NETL address to ascertain the status of these documents. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the Program Solicitation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John R. Columbia, MS: 921–107, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy

Technology Laboratory, 626 Cochran’s Mill Road, P.O. Box 10940, Pittsburgh, PA 15236–0940, E-mail Address: [columbia@netl.doe.gov](mailto:columbia@netl.doe.gov), Telephone Number: (412) 386–6144.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE/NETL intends to select a group of projects programmatically balanced with respect to : (1) Technology category (equipment end uses, envelopes and whole buildings); (2) building type (residential and/or commercial); and (3) time of commercialization (short-term or long-term market potential of the technology). The solicitation will cover research and development on materials, components and systems applicable to both residential and commercial buildings. The solicitation will not support demonstration projects to deploy the technology on a large scale but will support proof of concept projects. The research and development areas of interest are as follows: Building Equipment—energy conversion and control equipment supplying lighting, space conditioning (heating, cooling, dehumidification and ventilation), water heating, refrigeration, and appliance services to building occupants and commercial operations; Building Envelope—materials, components and systems for windows, walls, roofs, foundations and other elements which comprise building exteriors and provide thermal integrity and daylighting; and Whole Building Technologies—the integration of components and systems which govern overall energy use and indoor environmental quality in a building.

The solicitation covers research in four technology maturation stages. Technology Maturation Stage 2 involves applied research; Technology Maturation Stage 3 involves exploratory development (non-specific applications and bench-scale testing); Technology Maturation Stage 4 involves advanced development (specific applications and bench-scale testing); and Maturation Stage 5 involves engineering development (pilot-scale and/or field testing). For projects spanning more than one maturation stage, continuation decision points will be inserted at the completion of each stage. Multiple awards are expected regardless of the technology maturation stage(s) proposed.

It is DOE’s desire to encourage the widest participation, including the involvement of small business concerns and small disadvantaged business concerns. In order to gain the necessary expertise to review applications, non-Federal personnel may be used as evaluators or advisors in the evaluation

of applications, but will not serve as members of the technical evaluation team. This particular program is covered by Section 3001 and 3002 of the Energy Policy Act (EPAAct), 42 U.S.C. 13542 for financial assistance awards. EPAAct 3002 requires a cost share commitment of at least 20 percent from non-Federal sources for research and development projects. Not all of the necessary funds are currently available for this solicitation; the Government's obligation under any cooperative agreement awarded is contingent upon the availability of appropriated FY2002 and FY2003 funds.

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**Dale A. Siciliano,**

*Deputy Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting Correction

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting correction.

On November 28, 2000, the Department of Energy published a notice of open meeting announcing a meeting of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board in Washington, DC (65 FR 70890). In that notice, the meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2000, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., at the U.S. Department of Energy, Program Review Center (Room 8E-089), Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. Today's notice announces that, due to scheduling conflicts, the noticed meeting will be conducted as an open teleconference meeting. The open teleconference meeting will be conducted during the previously announced time period, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Public participants may call the Office of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board at (202) 586-7092 to reserve a teleconference line and receive a call-in number. Public participation is welcomed. However, the number of teleconference lines are limited and are available on a first come basis.

Issued at Washington, DC, on December 7, 2000.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-162-000]

### Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

December 6, 2000.

Take notice that on December 1, 2000, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) submitted for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1 and Original Volume No. 2, the revised tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing, to become effective January 1, 2001.

Algonquin states that the purpose of this filing is to revise the Gas Research Institute (GRI) surcharges to be effective January 1, 2001 in compliance with the January 21, 1998, Stipulation and Agreement Concerning GRI Funding approved by the Commission in Gas Research Institute, 83 FERC ¶ 61,093 (1998), order on reh'g, 83 FERC ¶ 61,331 (1998). Specifically, Algonquin states that the filing complies with the surcharges set forth in Appendix A to the Stipulation and Agreement as follows: (1) A GRI volumetric surcharge of 0.70¢ per dekatherm will be charged on all non-discounted firm commodity and interruptible transportation services; (2) a 1.1¢ per dekatherm surcharge will be charged on all non-discounted firm commodity units delivered to small customers qualifying for service under Algonquin's Rate Schedules AFT-1S and AFT-ES; (3) a reservation surcharge of 9.0¢ per dekatherm per month will be charged on non-discounted firm high load factor customers, *i.e.*, greater than 50% load factor; and (4) a reservation surcharge of 5.5¢ per dekatherm per month will be charged on non-discounted firm low load factor customers, *i.e.*, less than or equal to 50% load factor.

Algonquin states that copies of the filing were mailed to all affected customers of Algonquin and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings.

Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-152-000]

### ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 6, 2000.

Take notice that on November 30, 2000, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet proposed to become effective January 1, 2001:

Twenty-Ninth Revised Sheet No. 17

ANR states that the purpose of this filing is to establish the revised Gas Research Institute surcharges approved in the Commission's September 19, 2000 unpublished letter order at Docket No. RP00-313-000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties in the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments and protests may